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SUBJ: \$5 MILLION EXCESS DRAWING RIGHTS PROGRAM - GOP
REQUEST FOR HELICOPTERS

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT GOP WISHES TO ACQUIRE UNDER DRAWING RIGHTS PROGRAM THREE HELICOPTERS FOR USE IN LIFE- SAVING OPERATIONS AND FIGHTING FOREST FIRES. HELICOPTERS WOULD BE OPERATED UNDER AUSPICES OF FORESTRY SERVICE AGAINST FIRES, AND BY ANOTHER GOP AGENCY (ON WHICH WE SEEKING INFORMATION) FOR LIFESAVING. FONOFF OFFICIAL SAID GOP WILLING GIVE GUARANTEES THAT HELICOPTERS WOULD NOT BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES , AND THAT THEY WOULD REMAIN IN EUROPEAN PORTUGAL.

2. COMMENT: WE FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT HELICOPTERS MIGHT BE IN A " GREY AREA" STATUS WITH REGARD TO THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION AS " NON- MILITARY EXCESS." WE ALSO APPRECIATE THAT PROVISION OF HELICOPTERS TO PORTUGAL COULD BE MISINTERPRETED BY SOME AS HAVING IMPLICATIONS FOR PORTUGAL' S WARS IN AFRICA. AT SAME TIME, PROJECTED LIFE- SAVING AND FIRE- FIGHTING PURPOSES ARE DEMONSTRABLY NON- MILITARY, AND THERE IS EVERY REASON TO ACCEPT GOP GUARANTEES RE USE. PRESUMABLY INITIAL ACQUISITION COSTS
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WOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL ENABLING US TO MAKE SUBSTANTIAL STEP
FORWARD FULFILLING THIS PORTION OF AZORES PACKAGE. WE
THEREFORE RECOMMEND URGENT ACTION LOCATE SUITABLE EXCESS
HELICOPTERS TO OFFER GOP, AND THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO
RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO GOP PROPOSAL.
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